

**Testimony of Timothy C. Griswold  
Nomination to the Board of Directors  
Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority**

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Good morning Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. I am honored to have been nominated by Governor Rell to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and I am pleased to appear before the Committee today.

I graduated from Ohio State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business. Following graduation, I served as an Officer aboard an aircraft carrier in the Tonkin Gulf during two cruises. After my release from active duty, I attended graduate school at the University of Georgia where I took courses in the field of marketing. For 25 years, I worked as a commercial loan officer with five different banks within the State of Connecticut. In my commercial lending capacity, I had to meet with many different types of clients and it was of critical importance that I understand how their businesses worked and so I could structure their loan transactions in order to protect the bank's interest. Attention to detail was required throughout a transaction and follow-up was also a key ingredient.

I have lived in Old Lyme since 1976. I was elected First Selectman of the Town in 1997 and I am now in my sixth term. Being First Selectman of a small town at the mouth of the Connecticut River has been a wonderful experience. As the Chief Elected Official, a majority of my time is interfacing with and tending to the needs of our residents. This involves such diverse things as helping someone with a drainage problem to putting the town budget together. One of the larger challenges has been to combat the ever increasing cost of refuse collection and disposal. Old Lyme is one of the original CRRA member towns and we have been pleased with the service we receive. We have worked diligently to increase the amount we recycle and we have implemented an automated refuse collection system, both of which have saved us tax dollars.

Having served as an Ad Hoc member of the CRRA Board of Directors over the last six years has given me the opportunity to better understand the challenges that confront the State of Connecticut and its towns and cities as they seek to dispose of their refuse efficiently and economically. The new CRRA Board and management team has accomplished a tremendous amount over the last six years. Examples include recovering a large percentage of the \$220 million lost in the Enron bankruptcy, closing the Hartford landfill and developing plans for an ash disposal landfill in Franklin, CT. However, the CRRA Board faces many challenges going forward, not the least of which is to restrain the cost of refuse disposal for the member towns. I am proud to have served with this distinguished group of people and, if appointed to the CRRA Board of Directors, I will continue to be an advocate of the member towns I represent.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before this Committee and I am pleased to respond to any questions you may have for me.